

MINUTES OF THE MARGARETTA BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2021.

The Margarettta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021 at MES Gym 5906 Bogart Road West, Castalia, Ohio.

Mr. Miller, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. requesting roll call by Mrs. Keegan:

Mr. Schoenegge:	Present
Mr. Sutorius:	Present
Mr. Warner:	Present
Mrs. Yetter:	Present
Mr. Miller:	Present.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve the minutes from the regular BOE meeting that was held on Monday, February 22, 2021; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Board and Staff Reports

Townsend Community School's (TCS) Report

Mr. Ryan Bohn, TCS Principal, reported that the current TCS student enrollment as of March 15th was 761, they are up to 60 graduates this year, working on starting busing on April 12th, and discussed upcoming testing. He also stated that TCS is working closely with Margarettta to complete the Blended Learning plan and education plan to Margarettta and ODE.

TCS Margarettta Sponsor's Report

Mr. Steve Keller, Margarettta Compliance Officer, stated that we just completed the second school site visit and is working on the Epicenter upload due on May 28th and that the third site visit is scheduled for April 13th.

Public Participation

Miss. Jamie Kennedy read a prewritten letter from a former female Margarettta graduate as to her disappointment in the previous Facebook posts on Mr. Warner's personal account. Then Ms. Vicki Vanness read a prepared statement that she previously had sent to the Board members, the superintendent and treasurer about the same personal Facebook posts of Mr. Warner. Mr. Kent Miller stated that the board is taking this very serious and has recently given Mr. Warner appropriate diversity training and have established standardized diversity training for all future new board members.

Introduction of Additional Agenda Items

Mrs. Keegan introduced additional items as follows:

- 1). Resolution (#20-21-70), to approve a contract with NPESC for services of Developmental Disabilities programs for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 2). Resolution (#20-21-71), to approve a contract with North Point Educational Services Center (NPESC) for the 2021-2022 Multi-Agreement Cooperative Contract
- 3). Motion to accept the resignation of Misty Hermes, effective 3/22/2021

The Financial Report and Schedule of Bills

Mrs. Keegan presented the schedule of bills, bank reconciliations, or fund balances, etc., that were included in the Board's packages for review. Mrs. Keegan reminded the board that we are reviewing the February's fiscal year to date results (the eighth month of the fiscal year). She stated that the month of February is difficult to compare to the prior year to date given the timing of tax advances, therefore she focused on the current year results. She stated that the fiscal year to date revenue is a total of \$12.4M and expenses of \$11.7M resulting in an increase to the general fund balance by \$0.7M. The beginning cash balance on July 1, 2020 was \$1.3 million and the first eight months generated a net cash increase of \$0.7 million, leaving the final General Fund cash balance of \$1.9 million (which includes the general fund reserve of \$854K).

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mrs. Yetter, on Resolution number 20-21-64, to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Erie County Budget Commission for the purpose of property tax collections in calendar year 2021; Roll call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-65, to approve the renewal of the shared services agreement with Perkins Local Board of Education for a preschoolers center based classroom at Margareta for the 2021-2022 school year; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-66, to authorize the Treasurer to make Inter-Fund transfers of funds for the current first half of the 2021 taxes payable, for the Nexus reserves; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-67, to approve the contract renewal with NOECA to provide internet access services to the district for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Warner, on Resolution number 20-21-68, to approve contract renewal with NWOCA/Northern Buckeye (HS) to provide wireless internet access services to the district for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-69, to approve the contract with Julian & Grube for preparing GAAP financial statements for fiscal year 2021 through 2024; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-70, to approve a contract renewal with NPESC for services of Developmental Disabilities programs for the 2021-2022 School Year; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, on Resolution number 20-21-71, to approve a contract renewal with North Point Educational Services Center (NPESC) for the 2021-2022 Multi-Agreement Cooperative Contract; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Superintendent's Report

Informational Items/Correspondence:

Mr. Kurt updated the board on Nexus and the new Facilities project and informed the board that we have been having regular meetings to discuss the layout of the classrooms, technology, temperature controls, etc. The facility core team meetings are continuing and the team continues to give advice and recommendations to Fanning Howey. The teams are making forward progress on the schematic design and keeping the ELPP project moving forward. We are also working on a large group community meeting soon to get everyone up to date on the current status of the project. Kurt also informed the board that Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt have attended two meetings with the commissioners about the solar project PILOT proposal and also discussed the Nexus appeal and its negative impact on the school state foundation revenue, etc. Mr. Kurt also discussed the upcoming tax levy (on the May ballot) that is a renewal (no new taxes) and the importance of passing this renewal to holding Nexus taxes constant.

Mr. Kurt then gave an update on COVID-19. He commended the staff, the students and the Erie County Health Department for their resilience and leadership in this very challenging year. He informed the board that the staff has received their first shot and will be getting the second dose this upcoming weekend and as such, all the area school districts decided to have a remote learning day on Monday March 22nd, in case we have employees that have a reaction. For employees that have not received their shot through the health department process, they will have a second opportunity to get the vaccine through Family Health Services

New Business

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve Shelby Elizabeth Riley for graduation as requirements have been met as of 3/2/2021; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mr. Sutorius, on Resolution number 20-21-72, to approve the proposal with Transfinder for transportation mapping services effective with the 2021-2022 school year; Mr. Miller asked if there were any discussion needed and Mr. Kurt stated that this software was demoed to a small portion of the staff and it is a vastly improved software than what we use today and the ongoing annual cost is very similar to our current software provider; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Old Business

Mr. Kurt then discussed the initial one amendment to the TCS/MLSD contract to include the Blended Learning Model definition for review and discussion. Final TCS/MLSD contract that will include the Blended Learning plan and the educational plan will be brought to the April Board meeting for approval. Mr. Kurt commended all the hard work that TCS (Mr. Bohn and Mr. Thompson) and the board President, Mrs. Jean Smith, and Mr. Steve Keller and himself has put into this plan.

Mr. Kurt also added an item to discuss all the hard work that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Smith and himself to look at the schedule and are continuing to refine the schedule for next year.

Mr. Kurt also mentioned that we are considering to go back to a single bus route instead of two routes like it is this year. Currently in discussion of studying it.

Personnel Actions

Certified:

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to accept the resignation of Ryan Bohn as the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Classified

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius to approve the hiring of the following Substitutes: Heidi Emmons-Kitchen and Jake Kromer-Custodian; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve Ethan Garcia as the JH Girls Assistant Track Coach; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Schoenegge seconded by Mrs. Yetter, to approve the following Volunteer Track Coaches for the spring season 2021: Ted Patrick and Tanya Dvorsky; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to approve contract modification for Maree Markley, Assistant Treasurer; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mr. Sutorius seconded by Mr. Warner, to accept the resignation of Misty Hermes, Cook, effective 3/22/2021; Roll Call: Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius to enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of public employees; Roll Call: Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. with Mrs. Keegan and Mr. Kurt remaining in the Executive Session.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter and seconded by Mr. Sutorius, to return to open session; Roll Call: Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Motion by Mrs. Yetter seconded by Mr. Schoenegge, to adjourn the meeting having no further business to come before the Board; Roll Call: Mr. Schoenegge: aye, Mr. Sutorius: aye, Mr. Warner: aye, Mrs. Yetter: aye, Mr. Miller: aye.

Adjourning at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular BOE meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaretta Elementary Gym, 5906 Bogart Road W., Castalia, Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted

Kent Miller
Board President

Diane Keegan
Treasurer